

LOC REGIONS – PLANNING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

REGION 3 – SIERRA VALLEY

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REGIONAL PLANNING

1.A. Progress towards completion of activities defined in application for planning funds

*Attendance at 2 day Strategic Planning Workshop (2 days) in Nov. 1999
Establishment of long-range planning, organizational structure & bylaws
services programs planning, and marketing committees to complete activities*

1.B. Initial needs assessment and anticipated completion date

*Focus groups targeting hard to reach libraries (K-12 schools, special libraries);
targeted completion date for initial needs assessment: May 2000*

1.C. Expected completion date of overall plan to submit to LoC Board

Anticipated completion date: October 2000

1.D. Accomplishments of Regional Planning Group

- Clerical support hired October 1999*
- Hired consultants for workshop on strategic planning, Nov. 1-2, 1999*
- Development of vision statement, charges and tasks for all committees*
- Creation of interim listserv for region; availability in early 2000*
- Development of 60 day action plan*

1.E. Greatest Challenges for Regional Planning Group

Creating a cohesive planning region out of two geographic regions with libraries that have no history of planning together

Planning process and coordination of planning with minimal amount of staff support

Scheduling meetings, planning sessions and workshops given broad geographic area of region, scheduling difficulties w/ representatives from different library types

Identifying, contacting, and recruiting libraries that have not participated in resource sharing or networking type activities

1.F. Additional Help via State Resources (LoC Board, LoC staff, State Library)

Library of California and State Library staff should find and communicate planning problems common to all the regions statewide to speed up planning process

State Library should seek ways to best share how cooperative systems similar to 49-99/CAL and MVLS are transitioning to a new kind of multitype are making this change successfully

Set up a statewide listserv for regional planners to share information

Provide library directories in electronic format. This will help Region III develop a comprehensive list of libraries within their region